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MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate met at 5:00 p.m., and was called to order by Mr. Speaker McNally.

PRAYER

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Brother Stephen Russell of Old Union Church of Christ in Castalian Springs, Tennessee, a guest of Senator Haile.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senator Haile led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF TENNESSEE

Senator Haile led the Senate in the Salute to the Flag of Tennessee.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present 31

Senators present were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kurita, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Robinson, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--31.

COMMUNICATION

March 4, 2019

Lt. Governor Randy McNally
425 Fifth Avenue North
Suite 700, Cordell Hull Building
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Lt. Governor McNally,

I apologize for my absence from the Senate Session on Monday, March 4, 2019. I was dealing with an unexpected issue at my medical practice.

Warmest Regards,

/s/ Senator Steve Dickerson
State Senate-District 20

APPROVED: Lieutenant Governor
Randy McNally

MOTION

Senator Johnson moved, pursuant to Rule 32 and Article II, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, **Senate Bill No. 1513** be passed on first consideration, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The Speaker announced the following bill was filed for introduction and passed first consideration:

Senate Bill No. 1513 by Senator Bailey.

Putnam County -- Subject to local approval, redesignates the title of "county executive" to "county mayor." Amends Chapter 126 of the Private Acts of 2004.

MOTION

Senator Johnson moved, pursuant to Rule 21, **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 241 and 242**; and **Senate Resolution No. 18** be passed on first consideration and lie over, which motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker announced the following resolutions were filed for introduction. Pursuant to Rule 21, the resolutions lie over.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 241 by Senator Yager.

Memorials, Death -- Don Leland Patterson.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 242 by Senator Massey.

Memorials, Recognition -- Rebecca Fisher, Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Senate Resolution No. 18 by Senator Pody.

General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position -- Expresses support for the Nation of Israel.

MOTION

Senator Johnson moved, pursuant to Rule 21, **House Joint Resolutions Nos. 227 through 232**; **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 237 through 240**; and **Senate Resolutions Nos. 13 through 17** lie over and be referred to the appropriate committees or held on the Clerk's desk, which motion prevailed.

RESOLUTIONS LYING OVER

The Speaker announced the following resolutions passed second consideration and were referred to the appropriate committees or held on the desk, pursuant to Rule 21:

House Joint Resolution No. 227 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

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The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 227 to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

House Joint Resolution No. 228 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Christian Cate, Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 228 to the Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 229 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Edwin Seagraves, Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 229 to the Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 230 -- Memorials, Personal Occasion -- Lavern Jones, 100th Birthday.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 230 to the Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 231 -- Memorials, Death -- Sam Powell.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 231 to the Committee on Calendar.

House Joint Resolution No. 232 -- Memorials, Sports -- Cleveland High School Blue Raiders wrestling team, 2019 State Champion.

The Speaker announced that he had referred House Joint Resolution No. 232 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 237 -- Memorials, Death -- Mindy Diamant.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 237 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 238 -- Naming and Designating -- "Sickle Cell Awareness Month" in Tennessee, November 2019.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 238 to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 239 -- Memorials, Death -- Marilyn Mandle Dick.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 239 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 240 -- Memorials, Recognition -- The Links Days on Capitol Hill.

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The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 240 to the Committee on Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 13 -- General Assembly, Review or Ratification of Rules -- Ratifies and approves the amendments and revisions to the Tennessee Rules of Juvenile Procedure as promulgated by the Supreme Court.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Resolution No. 13 to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 14 -- General Assembly, Review or Ratification of Rules -- Ratifies and approves the amendments and revisions to the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure as promulgated by the Supreme Court.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Resolution No. 14 to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 15 -- General Assembly, Review or Ratification of Rules -- Ratifies and approves the amendments and revisions to the Tennessee Rules of Evidence as promulgated by the Supreme Court.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Resolution No. 15 to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 16 -- General Assembly, Review or Ratification of Rules -- Ratifies and approves the amendments and revisions to the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure as promulgated by the Supreme Court.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Resolution No. 16 to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 17 -- Memorials, Death -- Sid Dorris Durham.

The Speaker announced that he had referred Senate Resolution No. 17 to the Committee on Calendar.

MOTION

Senator Massey moved that Rule 37 be suspended for the immediate consideration of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 239**, out of order, which motion prevailed.

RESOLUTION LYING OVER

Senate Joint Resolution No. 239 -- Memorials, Death -- Marilyn Mandle Dick.

On motion of Senator Massey, the rules were suspended for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

On motion, **Senate Joint Resolution No. 239** was adopted.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

CONSENT CALENDAR NO. 1

Senate Joint Resolution No. 231 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Employees of Bristol Motor Speedway.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 232 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Bristol Chamber of Commerce, 110th Anniversary.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 233 -- Memorials, Death -- Larry Harrell.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 234 -- Memorials, Recognition -- John Knowles.

House Joint Resolution No. 220 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Baptist churches of Tennessee.

House Joint Resolution No. 221 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Jennifer Houston.

House Joint Resolution No. 222 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Helen Ross McNabb Center, 70th Anniversary.

House Joint Resolution No. 223 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Dolly Parton.

House Joint Resolution No. 224 -- Memorials, Death -- Houston Patrick.

House Joint Resolution No. 225 -- Memorials, Recognition -- Scott County Trustee Jimmy Byrd.

Senator Jackson moved that all Senate Joint Resolutions be adopted; and all House Joint Resolutions be concurred in, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes 31
Noes 0

Senators voting aye were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kurita, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Robinson, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbrow and Mr. Speaker McNally--31.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

CONSENT CALENDAR NO. 2

Senate Bill No. 103 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the industrial development division, building finance committee to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 14, Part 1 and Title 4, Chapter 29.

Senate Bill No. 107 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the board of trustees of the college savings trust fund program to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 7.

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Senate Bill No. 110 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the board of claims to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 9, Chapter 8.

Senate Bill No. 112 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the Tennessee claims commission to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 9, Chapter 8.

Senate Bill No. 113 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the Tennessee consolidated retirement system, board of trustees to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 8, Chapter 34.

Senate Bill No. 147 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the Austin Peay State University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8.

Senate Bill No. 148 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the East Tennessee State University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8.

Senate Bill No. 149 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the Middle Tennessee State University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8.

Senate Bill No. 150 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the Tennessee State University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8.

Senate Bill No. 151 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the Tennessee Technological University, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8.

Senate Bill No. 152 -- Sunset Laws -- As introduced, extends the University of Memphis, board of trustees to June 30, 2021; creates a separate sunset provision for the university. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8.

Senate Bill No. 194 -- Opioids -- As introduced, defines "alternative treatments," for purposes of the requirement that prescribing physicians explain reasonable alternatives to opioids, as including chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture, and other treatments that relieve pain without the use of opioids. Amends TCA Section 63-1-164.

Senate Bill No. 358 -- Milk, Dairy Products -- As introduced, specifies that dairy product producers holding a dairy plant license are permitted to produce and sell raw butter. Amends TCA Title 53, Chapter 3.

Senate Bill No. 402 -- Child Custody and Support -- As introduced, permits a designation as joint primary residential parents or a waiver of the primary residential parent designation upon agreement of the parents when the child is scheduled to reside an equal amount of time with both parents; allows the address of either parent to be used to determine school zoning when the child is scheduled to reside an equal amount of time with both parents. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 36.

Senate Bill No. 594 -- Firearms and Ammunition -- As introduced, updates the definitions of "firearm" and "antique firearm" to mirror definitions under federal law; makes various changes

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related to updated definitions. Amends TCA Section 39-11-106; Section 39-13-103 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13.

Senate Bill No. 626 -- Health, Dept. of -- As introduced, requires regional medical communication centers to provide monthly data to the commissioner regarding the number of flight requests rejected by a vendor and the patient volumes transported into the covered region; requires the commissioner to monthly post the data to the department's website in a manner accessible to the public. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 68.

Senate Bill No. 679 -- Tourism -- As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act".

Senate Bill No. 907 -- Safety, Dept. of -- As introduced, authorizes the department to contract with a local government agency for the provision of any service related to the renewal of handgun carry permits; authorizes an agency contracting with the department to charge an additional fee of \$4.00 for each renewal application. Amends TCA Section 39-17-1351.

Senate Bill No. 918 -- Regional Authorities and Special Districts -- As introduced, allows the East Tennessee regional agribusiness marketing authority to develop, market, and promote facilities for warehousing, distribution, light manufacturing, and agribusiness purposes, and enter lease purchase agreements by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the board, and removes tax exempt status for any ETRAMA property sold under a lease purchase agreement. Amends TCA Title 64, Chapter 10, Part 1.

Senate Bill No. 919 -- Herbal Products and Natural Foods -- As introduced, expands definition of "wild ginseng" to include ginseng introduced or increased in abundance in its natural habitat by introducing plantlets sourced from wild ginseng stock; defines plantlets. Amends TCA Title 70, Chapter 8, Part 2.

Senator Jackson moved that all Senate Bills be passed on third and final consideration, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes	30
Noes	0

Senators voting aye were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kurita, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Robinson, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager and Mr. Speaker McNally--30.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

CALENDAR

Senate Bill No. 26 -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products -- As introduced, limits the places in which one may use vapor products. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 15 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 16.

Senate Bill No. 26 passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

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Ayes 30
Noes 0

Senators voting aye were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kurita, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Robinson, Southerland, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbrow and Mr. Speaker McNally--30.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Senate Bill No. 84 -- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies -- As introduced, makes various changes to the "Tennessee Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act," which include excluding from coverage certain persons receiving payments through structured settlements, establishing procedures during delinquency proceedings, setting the amount of assessments for long-term care insurance written by impaired or insolvent member insurers, and other changes. Amends TCA Section 56-12-202; Section 56-12-203; Section 56-12-204; Section 56-12-205; Section 56-12-207; Section 56-12-208 and Section 56-12-218.

On motion, Senate Bill No. 84 was made to conform with **House Bill No. 151**.

On motion, House Bill No. 151, on same subject, was substituted for Senate Bill No. 84.

On motion of Senator Bailey, Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn.

Thereupon, **House Bill No. 151** passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Ayes 31
Noes 0

Senators voting aye were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kurita, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Robinson, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbrow and Mr. Speaker McNally--31.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Senate Bill No. 178 -- Environment and Conservation, Dept. of -- As introduced, requires department or local governments that place moratoriums on connections to public sewer systems to grant permits for the installation of subsurface sewage disposal systems; requires permit holders to discontinue service to subsurface sewage disposal systems and connect to public sewer systems within 90 days of the moratorium being lifted. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 4.

Senator Southerland moved to amend as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-409, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

(c)(1) The commissioner shall not deny a permit for a subsurface sewage disposal system solely because a public sewer system is accessible if:

(A) The department or a local government has placed a moratorium on additional connections to the public sewer system; and

(B) The applicant submits documentation with the application for a permit that the applicant cannot connect, or has been delayed from connecting, to the public sewer system because of the moratorium.

(2) For purposes of subdivision (c)(1)(B), a person has been delayed from connecting to a public sewer system because of a moratorium if the person has been placed on a waiting list by the public sewer system due to a moratorium.

(d) In any transfer by sale, exchange, installment land sales contract, or lease with option to buy residential real property consisting of not less than one (1) nor more than four (4) dwelling units, including site-built and nonsite-built homes, for which a permit was issued under this part and a subsurface sewage disposal system installed, whether or not the transaction is consummated with the assistance of a licensed real estate broker or affiliate broker, the potential future obligation to connect to the public sewer system must be disclosed by the seller to the purchaser. The remedies for a failure to disclose are the same as those provided under title 66, chapter 5, part 2.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

On motion, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Thereupon, **Senate Bill No. 178**, as amended, passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Ayes	31
Noes	0

Senators voting aye were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kurita, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Robinson, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbrow and Mr. Speaker McNally--31.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Senate Bill No. 314 -- Safety -- As introduced, immunizes an entity that provides access to an automated external defibrillator (AED) from civil liability for any personal injury that results from an act or omission relative to the use of the AED. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 4.

Senator Bell moved to amend as follows:

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-406, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

The entity responsible for the AED program shall not be civilly liable for any personal injury that results from an act or omission related to the use or maintenance of the AED that does not amount to willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

On motion, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Thereupon, **Senate Bill No. 314**, as amended, passed its third and final consideration by the following vote:

Ayes 31
Noes 0

Senators voting aye were: Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kurita, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Robinson, Southerland, Stevens, Swann, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbro and Mr. Speaker McNally--31.

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

Senator Stevens moved that **Senate Bill No. 400** be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 7, 2019, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

Senator Johnson moved the Proposed Schedule for the week of March 11, 2019, be adopted and made the action of the Senate, which motion prevailed.

**TENNESSEE STATE SENATE
111th GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**SCHEDULE
FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2019**

MONDAY – MARCH 11, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Session – Senate Chamber

TUESDAY – MARCH 12, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Finance, Ways & Means Committee

10:30 a.m.

State & Local Government Committee

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12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Commerce & Labor Committee
3:00 p.m.	Judiciary Committee

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 13, 2019

8:30 a.m.	Government Operations Committee
9:30 a.m.	Transportation & Safety Committee
10:30 a.m.	Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Health & Welfare Committee
2:30 p.m.	Education Committee

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8:30 a.m.	Session – Senate Chamber
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OTHER MEETINGS

Monday, March 11, 2019

- Council on Pensions and Insurance at 1:00 p.m., House Hearing Room 3

Wednesday, March 12, 2019

- Pre-Education Committee at 7:00 a.m., 8th Floor Conference Room 8D

RECESS

Senator Johnson moved pursuant to **House Joint Resolution No. 7**, the Senate recess and repair to the House Chamber to meet with the House of Representatives in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the Governor's State of the State Address; and further moved at the conclusion of the Joint Convention the Senate adjourn until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2019, which motion prevailed.

IN JOINT CONVENTION MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. President McNally called the Joint Convention to order pursuant to **House Joint Resolution No. 7**.

ROLL CALL

Mr. President McNally declared that a quorum was present.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the roll call of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Representative Lamberth, the roll call of the House was dispensed with.

Mr. Russell Humphrey, Chief Clerk of the Senate, read **House Joint Resolution No. 7**, authorizing the Joint Convention to hear the Message of Governor Bill Lee.

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

Mr. President McNally appointed a committee composed of Senators Akbari, Haile, Hensley, Stevens and Watson; and Representatives Beck, Cameron Sexton, Lamberth, Russell and Marsh. Senator Watson served as Chairperson of this committee.

RECESS

On motion, the Joint Convention recessed pending the arrival of the Governor.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. President Casada called the Joint Convention to order.

Mr. President Casada declared a quorum was present.

On motion, the roll calls of the Senate and House of Representatives were dispensed with.

The Honorable Bill Lee, Governor, appeared at the Bar of the House Chamber and was escorted to the Speaker's Podium.

Mr. President Casada presented the Honorable Bill Lee, who delivered the following address:

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Governor Bill Lee
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Lieutenant Governor McNally, Speaker Casada, Speaker Pro Tem Haile, Speaker Pro Tem Dunn, Members of the 111th General Assembly, Justices, Constitutional Officers, friends, guests, fellow Tennesseans:

Tennessee's voters and its constitution have given me the responsibility of delivering this address evaluating where we are as a state and recommending action to make us even better.

I am grateful for this opportunity to serve, and it is my high honor to be here tonight.

There's a scripture that encourages us to consider others as more important than ourselves.

Before I begin tonight, I'd like to acknowledge the woman in my life who embodies that most, my wife and the First Lady of Tennessee, Maria.

You and I have a First Lady who is deeply committed to serving this state purposefully and she challenges me every day to likewise govern with purpose.

Thank you, Maria. I love you.

And let me say welcome and thank you to my Cabinet, and my staff; you're doing an excellent job and you make us all proud.

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The year my oldest daughter Jessica turned 16, she and I took a father-daughter trip for her birthday. We had both been through some very personal and tragic struggles and we decided to do something that would be "overcoming."

We travelled to Wyoming to the Grand Teton National Park to climb one of the tallest mountains in the United States.

It's a difficult and technical climb, and we spent months preparing both physically and mentally.

The apex of our trip would carry us to 14,000 feet above sea level. Our first day we hiked up to 11,000 feet to make our camp for the night.

As we neared the basecamp, our guide, probably sensing my nervousness, pulled me aside and said something very important.

He said, "You need to make a decision that you're going to make this climb before you get to the base camp.

"Because when you get there you're going to look up at the Grand Teton, and it'll look like a massive granite spire that sticks straight up higher than you ever imagined, and you'll feel very intimidated.

"If you have the tiniest doubt in your mind that you can do it as you're hiking up there today, then once you stand at the base camp tonight and look up, you'll be convinced that you can't possibly climb that thing."

He told me I needed to decide right then and there whether I was going to finish the climb.

I did decide, and we did finish and let me tell you, like everything that's difficult, the view from the top was well worth the climb.

As a state, our challenges, too, are difficult, and the climb will require great effort, but Tennessee is a remarkable place, with remarkable people.

Now, I think we can all agree that while important things happen in the halls of government it is actually what happens outside these walls that makes Tennessee truly great.

Nearly every Friday since we took office, Maria and I have left this building to meet Tennesseans in their communities to learn more about what makes our state work.

We met a soybean farmer in Lauderdale County who navigates the Mississippi floodwaters to pull in a harvest and carry on our proud agricultural tradition.

We met a third-grade teacher in North Nashville who works overtime to ensure their students are reading at grade level and continue to be the fastest improving students in the nation.

We met a small business owner in Jamestown who employs fellow neighbors and keeps the backbone of the Tennessee economy running strong.

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And so, as a lifelong Tennessean, when I reflect on our state, I see her people and I am filled with pride.

To our elected leaders in this room and the many Tennesseans watching from their homes, I am proud to report after seeing with my own eyes: the state of our state is hopeful, prosperous, and strong.

God has truly blessed us – our economy is growing, our schools are improving, our natural resources are abundant and beautiful; indeed, we are the envy of many states.

But while our prosperity should be celebrated, it should not be taken for granted, for it was not granted to us.

Our prosperity has been hard won. From the first settlers in the 1790s to the leaders of past and present, many have contributed to the success we now enjoy.

Our military veterans living, and remembered, deserve the most honored place among those we thank for serving.

We recognize the service of our heroes, and I'd like to talk about one family in particular who has embodied that service and sacrifice.

U.S. Navy Lieutenant Richard C. "Tito" Lannom of Union City was reported missing as of March 1, 1968 during the Vietnam War.

The Obion County native was assigned to Attack Squadron Three Five aboard the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier and was on an A-6A aircraft on a night mission over North Vietnam.

Like many, he did not come back.

Lannom and the pilot were declared missing after a search and rescue mission failed to locate their plane.

He was 27 years old.

In 2017, the Vietnamese excavated a crash site on Tra Ban Island and were ultimately able to identify Lannom in September of last year.

This past weekend, our state had a memorial service for him.

After more than 50 years, Lieutenant Lannom's final resting place is home, on Tennessee soil, where he belongs.

Please join me in pausing to remember Lt. Lannom and the sacrifice he and so many others have made for our country.

Now, please join me in recognizing the family of Lt. Tito Lannom who has come from across Tennessee to be with us – thank you all for the sacrifices you've made and for being here tonight.

Indeed, this is a remarkable state with remarkable people, but past success should not be taken for granted and future success should not be assumed.

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We can be glad for the things we've done that have brought us to this point, but we must also recognize that new accomplishments will be required from the leaders of today if we are to reach our full potential tomorrow.

Maybe the key question before us is whether we will stand here and enjoy the view from this far up the mountain or push ahead to new heights and new prosperity.

My encouragement to you – to all of us – is that we press higher.

A stronger education system; a better prepared workforce; a system of justice that lives up to its name; and safe neighborhoods across our state.

These and more goals are within our reach if we unite behind a common vision.

In addition to delivering this address, I have the task of proposing to you a state budget.

By God's favor our state is in a strong financial position, and I believe my proposed budget reflects that.

Managing a budget is one of the most important jobs of government and proposing a fiscally responsible budget is one of the most important jobs of a governor.

And as a conservative businessman, I know a good budget needs to pay for what is needed, take on zero long-term debt, and, perhaps most importantly, save for a rainy day.

As our state continues to grow, we are committed to remaining among the most fiscally sound and best managed states in America.

We live in prosperous days, but it's precisely during these times when we must build up our storehouses for when times may not be as good.

For that reason, I am particularly proud of this: in my budget, we are making the largest single contribution to our Rainy Day Fund in the state's history.

When this budget is implemented, our Rainy Day Fund will be \$1.1 billion – the largest it has ever been in both real dollars and as a percentage of our overall revenue.

This budget is fiscally conservative and stays within the Copeland Cap, which as you in this room know is in our state's constitution as a guardrail against out-of-control government spending.

I have said many times that Tennessee can and should lead the nation, and this budget will help us do that.

In particular, there are four things in my budget and legislative agenda that I believe we must do if that goal to lead the nation is to become a reality.

First, Tennessee must deliver a world class education and that education must be aligned with the needs of the job creators of today and tomorrow.

To accomplish that, our students need more guidance, our teachers and principals need more support, and our parents need more choices.

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I've spoken often about the four out of ten students who will not attend college.

For them, we must vastly strengthen our vocational, technical, and agricultural offerings to make sure they are career-ready.

After 35 years in the private sector, I know the job market can change quickly and education must stay in sync with industry.

When companies like Google, Apple, and IBM no longer require a college degree for many high-skilled jobs, we know we need to think differently about how we approach preparing our kids for careers.

Elementary and middle schools need to begin skills training earlier and, from top to bottom, high school needs to look a lot different.

In that spirit, I'm proposing the Governor's Investment in Vocational Education – the GIVE Act.

The GIVE Act is a \$25 million investment to increase the number of young adults earning an industry certification and entering a career within one year of high school graduation.

Another one of our goals is to put Tennessee in the top half of states for technology sector job creation by 2022.

To that end, I recently announced the Future Workforce Initiative, a \$4 million effort to increase science, technology, engineering and mathematics – (STEM) – training in K-12 schools.

The Future Workforce Initiative will add 100 new CTE programs, grow the number of teachers qualified to teach work-based learning and computer science classes, and expand access to AP courses and early postsecondary options for high schoolers.

We are also investing in agricultural education by allocating new recurring funding for both FFA and 4-H youth programs.

These programs and others like them are so important, and it takes the work of dedicated teachers and principals to make sure our students are being well prepared.

One such teacher is Dan Smith from Dyer County and he's an example of the thousands of dedicated teachers we are fortunate to have in this state.

Dan, a horticulture and agriculture teacher at Dyer County High School is a former agriculture Teacher of the Year, because of his exemplary work with students.

He has coordinated massive plant sales, integrated master gardeners and landscaped his entire school, and that's just the beginning.

He's a pillar in his community. He embodies the term – Agricultural Education.

He is with us here today, and please join me in thanking him for his years of dedicated work to improve the lives of the students of Tennessee.

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Many students will go to college, and for that group we want to provide world-class higher education options across our state.

We must continue to invest in our outcomes-focused approach to funding higher education, which is why we've set aside \$34 million new dollars in this budget to fully fund our higher education institutions.

We will also invest more than \$12 million dollars in financial aid to add nearly 7,000 students in need to those we help attend college or obtain a certificate here in Tennessee.

We are also adding resources to help prepare disadvantaged students for college, so they can best take advantage of the opportunities they earn.

We're making CTE a major priority, but we also want to do other things well.

I fundamentally believe that every child ought to have access to a great, traditional public school.

And so even as we consider expanding options in this state, we must redouble our efforts to make sure that public schools in Tennessee are well-resourced and that Tennessee teachers and principals are the best and most celebrated in the business.

First and foremost, we are fully funding the Basic Education Program and recommending \$71 million for a well-deserved 2.5% pay raise for teachers.

Additionally, to support educators and school leaders, we are proposing investments in the professional development of rural principals and expansion of the Rural Principal Network.

In response to the increasing needs of our lowest-performing 5% of schools, we are investing \$5 million into improving student and teacher support in our priority schools.

Across our state, we have qualified educators and leaders who are making the sacrifice to serve on local school boards and bring their ideas to the table.

Later this month, I will send a letter to every school board member and superintendent in this state, seeking their input on what is working and what should still be done to make Tennessee the home of the best public schools in America.

To those of you listening today, please know I look forward to personally reading your responses.

In my budget, I propose a three-year pilot program to provide critical student support services to high school students in our 15 distressed counties.

These funds will be matched by private donations and will allow us to provide meaningful support while also measuring the positive effects of this pilot program.

I've often said that education is about more than a test score, but test scores can provide valuable data to both teachers and students when used properly.

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Later this month, tens of thousands of students will be completing their end of course testing to help ensure that they are receiving the quality education they deserve.

There has been lots of frustration around the administration of the state test in recent years, and I share in that frustration.

My Commissioner of Education is working tirelessly to prepare for this year's test, but more importantly to finalize the procurement process for selecting a new test vendor for next year and beyond.

But while the execution must get better, we must remain committed to the notion that you can't improve what you don't measure.

Going forward, our focus will be on executing a testing regimen that is trustworthy, helpful, and on time.

Whatever else happens in the classroom, the safety of our children and teachers is paramount for my administration and for all of our elected leaders.

For that reason, I am asking the legislature to join with me to fund an additional \$30 million investment in our school safety fund and to prioritize the districts with schools who currently have no school resource officers on duty.

Together, we can make sure every school is a safer place for our children.

In my inaugural address, I said that Tennesseans would have to be bold, courageous, and strong in the face of today's biggest challenges.

One of those challenges is closing the gap between the quality of education offered to students regardless of their zip code.

Tennessee has led the nation with important K-12 education reforms over the last decade, and we have seen the payoff: our student outcomes have been among the fastest improving.

But sustained improvement requires constant innovation, and we must keep looking for the next game-changer.

Parents need more choices with respect to the education of their children and those options should be well-funded and highly accountable.

Students have different needs and abilities, and our education system should mirror that diversity as best as possible.

I believe highly accountable public charter schools are a great model for expanding choice without sacrificing quality, and I've seen firsthand how they can dramatically impact the life and trajectory of a student.

In my budget, we are doubling the amount of public charter school facility funding and I will support legislation this year that makes it easier to open good charter schools and easier to close bad ones.

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But we should do even more.

Nearly one in three students born into poverty does not finish high school, and a student that doesn't finish high school is much more likely to stay in poverty.

Low-income students deserve the same opportunities as other kids, and we need a bold plan that will help level the playing field.

We need to change the status quo, increase competition, and not slow down until every student in Tennessee has access to a great education.

We're not going to get big results in our struggling schools by nibbling around the edges.

That is why we need Education Savings Accounts in Tennessee, this year.

ESAs will enable low-income students from the most under-performing school districts to attend an independent school of their choice at no cost to their family.

I know there's concern that programs like this will take money away from public schools, but my ESA plan will invest at least \$25 million new dollars in public schools in the first year to fill the gap when a student transfers to another school.

My ESA plan will strengthen public schools and provide choices for parents at the same time.

Creating competition will provide a new incentive for schools to improve and provide new opportunities for thousands of students.

Members of the legislature: now is the time.

Let's make this the year that every student in Tennessee has a chance at a great education, no matter where they live.

Another important issue in education is curriculum.

We should continue to root out the influence of Common Core in our state, but there's another issue we should be mindful of as well.

During the past two years of traveling on the campaign trail, an issue I was constantly asked about was civics and character education.

At face value, this may seem like a small issue.

However, in the last year it was reported that young people between the ages of 18 and 29 in this country have a more favorable view of socialism than capitalism.

And last week I read about a recent study that said in 49 of 50 states a majority of residents would fail the U.S. citizenship test.

I can't help but feel that these two statistics are somehow connected.

President Reagan said that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.

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This demands answering an obvious question: how will our children know of our cherished American values if we do not teach them?

We all desire a more perfect union, but we cannot expect future generations to build upon the incredible progress our country has made if we fail to teach them the history and values that made it possible.

So, let me say this: whatever may be going on in other states or in our nation's Capitol, in this state, our children will be taught civics education, character formation, and unapologetic American exceptionalism.

We are beginning that effort by creating the governor's civics instructional seal which will recognize schools that excel at teaching civics education.

I said there are four things we must do if we want to lead the nation. First, we must build a better education system. Second, we must build a criminal justice system that is tough, smart, and above all, just.

For decades, this country has been too willing to fight crime on the surface alone – "lock 'em up and throw away the key."

Now, in more ways than one, we're paying the price for that.

Tennessee is currently incarcerating more people for longer than we ever have and the population in our county jails is growing daily.

In fact, at the bottom of this hill begins the most incarcerated zip code in America.

Incarceration can have a generational impact.

Children with an incarcerated parent are at greater risk of being incarcerated themselves.

And besides the human cost, there's the actual cost.

Incarcerating an adult in Tennessee costs \$28,000 taxpayer dollars per year.

Incarcerating a juvenile for a year can cost many times more than that.

And for all the trouble and cost, what are our criminal justice outcomes?

Violent crime is up. Recidivism is high. Jails are struggling to make ends meet.

Let me be clear, the punishment for violent crime must be swift and severe, but we must also get better at helping those who will be released prepare to re-enter society, not re-enter prison.

It's past time that our state's elected leaders speak with one voice on this important issue: when it comes to reforming our state's justice system, the cost of doing nothing isn't zero.

Crime victims pay the price. Families pay the price. And taxpayers pay the price.

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In my proposal to the legislature this year, I recommend a series of smart reforms that will make a big difference.

One area of reform my administration will address is our use of community supervision for low-risk offenders.

Community supervision allows us to provide the corrections oversight necessary to hold someone accountable for their crime without incurring the economic and social cost of incarceration.

It costs about 20 times more to incarcerate someone than to put them under community supervision, and the latter leads to better outcomes.

One of the first things we will do is add funds to the Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund and add the use of GPS monitoring so that low-risk, non-violent individuals can keep their jobs and provide for their families instead of spending unnecessary time in jail.

Of those who are incarcerated, 95% are not serving a life sentence and will eventually come out and we need to be sure they are prepared for that.

Why? Because every successful re-entry means one less crime, and one less victim.

My commitment to having fewer crime victims in this state is reflected in a proposed expansion of education and re-entry counselling opportunities in our prisons.

Educational attainment for incarcerated people can reduce their risk of recidivism by up to 43%.

Another important part of successful re-entry is stable employment.

For that reason, we have introduced a bill eliminating the expungement fees for those already eligible under the law to alleviate the cost burden of getting back on their feet.

We must also take bold steps to stop the scourge of drugs illegally trafficked into our state.

I pledged to make Tennessee a state that drug traffickers fear, and I will make sure that our prosecutors and our law enforcement have the tools they need to make that a reality.

We are increasing the penalties on dangerous drugs like fentanyl and making it clear that we will have no leniency on high level drug dealers who target the residents of this state.

And we need more than just strong laws to keep our communities safe; we also need strong law enforcement.

It is no secret that Tennessee lags other states on law enforcement and corrections pay, which impacts our hiring and retention rates.

We are increasing investments in correctional officer pay and training opportunities, and this budget calls for new investments in our law enforcement capacity, improving the in-service training pay supplement, and provide new funding to support the increased demands of our Drug Overdose and Violent Crime Task Forces.

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Furthermore, tomorrow morning, I will sign an Executive Order creating a task force to address the growing fiscal and social costs of incarceration.

I appreciate the focus placed on these issues by members of the General Assembly and our Supreme Court in recent years, and it is time to move forward in a comprehensive way.

This task force will be led by Judge Brandon Gibson from my office and will include crime victims and their families, members of the General Assembly, state agencies, law enforcement, community and faith-based programs, and, yes, even former inmates.

Fundamentally, this task force will recommend legislative and budgetary changes that will help reduce recidivism, make our communities safer and save tax dollars.

I know we can do things differently, because I've been involved with groups who have made a difference.

Nonprofits like Men of Valor in Nashville are helping those who enter prison be better prepared to re-enter society.

The recidivism rate of Men of Valor's program graduates is less than one of third of the statewide average.

One person who benefited from this group is a man named Marcus Martin.

Marcus was incarcerated for five years.

By his own admission, he was on a quick path back to prison, until he got involved with Men of Valor.

Now, on the outside for 16 years, Marcus is a full-time prison minister, helping and making a huge impact on those still on the inside.

Marcus Martin is here with us tonight – Marcus, please stand and be recognized.

Marcus, thanks for what you're doing.

My fellow Tennesseans, this is a story of redemption, this is a story of Tennesseans helping other Tennesseans.

It's also a story of fiscal responsibility... and common sense.

We need more of these stories, and when we get them, it won't be surprising to see that our crime and recidivism rates start going down.

And my administration will do more than talk about how important we think these issues are.

We intend to be national innovators and leaders in showing how people throughout our state – the volunteer state – are willing to partner together to serve one another.

Tonight, I'm proud to announce that we are launching the Volunteer Mentorship Initiative to equip Tennesseans throughout our state to mentor fellow Tennesseans who are currently in prison.

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And I'm signing up tonight as the first volunteer.

This initiative will begin by working with Tennessee-based nonprofits to pair degree-seeking inmates with mentors on the outside as they seek better opportunities for themselves during their time in prison and their first days back in their communities.

I am pleased to announce that Senator Mike Bell and Representative Michael Curcio have graciously agreed to be the honorary co-chairs of the Volunteer Mentorship Initiative.

And I am even more proud that every member of my senior staff has enthusiastically agreed to join this program as our first batch of new mentors.

Tonight, I'm asking members of our General Assembly and every Tennessean who desires to prayerfully consider volunteering to join this effort.

As our state has shown before, we can change the course of history and the destiny of people when we step up, volunteer, and serve one another.

The challenge ahead of us is great, but the urgency of the situation is greater, and I know we will rise to meet the challenge.

For this issue, the admonition to we public servants is clear: do justice, love mercy, walk humbly.

First, education. Second, justice. And third, every Tennessean should have access to high-quality health care they can afford.

This is an ambitious goal that no state has accomplished, and Tennessee will not accomplish it overnight.

We will work with patients, providers, and payers to establish Tennessee as a world-class health care market for our people using transparency and competition.

To begin this process, I have asked our Finance and Administration Commissioner, Stuart McWhorter, to chair a Healthcare Modernization Task Force that will work closely with private sector stakeholders, policymakers, and communities across the state to develop a list of reforms and critical investments.

In the short-term, there are several things we can do to move Tennessee toward having better health outcomes.

So that more uninsured Tennesseans have access to quality primary and preventative-care services, we are providing additional funding to our health care safety net which supports community and faith-based care centers serving those who do not have health insurance coverage.

We will continue to work with the General Assembly and with Washington to look for waiver opportunities that help us increase insurance coverage without big government strings attached.

We will also be exploring ways to build off the important efforts of the Trump administration to promote price transparency.

Another way to lower health care cost is to combat Medicaid fraud.

Tackling fraud in Medicaid is particularly important as we work to prevent the fraudulent distribution of opioid medications.

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To support that effort, we are creating 24 new positions in the state's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Together these efforts will place downward pressure on the cost of coverage.

I am also committed to working with our rural communities to ensure that they have quality healthcare that meets their current and future needs.

Despite the closure of rural hospitals across the state and country, there are many opportunities to transform care in these communities through smart reforms, increased innovation, and a new business model.

Addressing these challenges requires a long-term approach, and we have already taken steps that will deliver real progress this year.

For one, I'm proposing \$20 million to boost broadband accessibility which will make technology like telemedicine more accessible and practical.

We are increasing, by as much as \$8.6 million, funding for graduate medical education at Tennessee's medical schools and critical incentive programs that provide financial support to resident physicians who commit to living and working in our rural communities.

By increasing the supply of care that reflects the needs of rural communities we will be driving down the overall cost of care.

Our focus on economic development and vocational education will also drive better health outcomes as individuals are increasingly able to get higher paying jobs that provide greater stability and access to coverage.

Too often, the conversation around health care focuses exclusively on physical health.

Physical well-being is important, but a national conversation around mental and behavioral health is long overdue.

Nearly 300,000 Tennesseans are facing serious mental health challenges, and far too many are slipping through the cracks.

I made a vow on the campaign trail to strengthen the mental health safety net and I intend to do just that.

In this budget, I am recommending an increase of \$11 million in recurring funds to our Behavioral Health Safety Net and our Regional Mental Health Institutes.

These investments will help us serve thousands more of our most vulnerable Tennesseans, most of which do not currently have health insurance.

Tennessee's suicide rate is 20% higher than the national average.

For that reason, I'm proposing a \$1.1 million investment that will expand the state's partnership with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network to establish a new regional outreach model and increase the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services' efforts.

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To truly be champions of mental and behavioral health, we must put everything we have behind defeating the opioid crisis in Tennessee once and for all.

We must continue to make progress in preventing addiction, and I will defend the smart limits on prescriptions passed by this legislature.

In this budget, we'll also work to address the other victims of the opioid crisis — the dependent children of those addicted.

We recommend expanding our investment in the Safe Baby Courts initiative to support vulnerable infants and are including \$5 million dollars in new funding to address a rising caseload in our Department of Children's Services.

Also, as we begin to see an increasing rise of students entering kindergarten facing challenges from prenatal drug exposure, I recommend that we invest an additional \$6 million dollars in our Early Intervention Services for schools.

These investments will make Tennessee a healthier state, and when we're healthier it's good for Tennesseans and it's good for the bottom line.

Fourth, and finally, when we have accomplished these and many other goals, what remains expected of us is that government be operated with integrity, effectiveness, and as little cost as possible.

Fundamentally, we believe government exists to protect our liberties – not to grant favors, not to build kingdoms, and not to needlessly interfere with the lives of our citizens.

To be sure, the voters did not send us here to create more government.

No, they sent us here to protect their freedoms and protect their hard-earned money.

I've long believed that Tennessee's most precious natural resource is our people.

Many of our people can be found at nonprofits in this state who are doing, with excellence, jobs that government cannot or should not do.

So, to help protect taxpayer dollars and to engage some of our under-utilized citizens, one announcement I am particularly excited to make is the Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives.

This office will leverage the nonprofit community and help us unleash the potential of all Tennesseans to get involved to not only make lives better for their fellow citizens but to reduce the responsibilities and ultimately the size of government.

I'd like to close tonight with two short stories.

This last month we have seen record rainfall across our state.

Many areas have flooded, others have dealt with mudslides, water treatment plants have failed, and some of our neighbors have lost loved ones.

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Our hearts are with those hurting families, and with all others who are still cleaning up, even tonight.

And we're grateful to the first responders, state employees, and everyday citizens who were there during the storms and who are supporting that clean up.

A few weeks ago, amid some scary moments, one state employee jumped in to help.

When the flooding started in Dickson County, Lt. Travis Plotzer of the Tennessee Highway Patrol was at a flooded roadway on Highway 48.

He went into chest deep water to help rescue motorists stranded on top of their vehicles.

He didn't hesitate to be the first one to help.

He showed what it really means to be a public servant; he showed what it really means to be a leader.

Please join me in recognizing Lt. Travis Plotzer from Dickson County.

For 35 years prior to becoming governor, I worked in a family-owned company that I led for 20 of those years.

Last month, for the first time in 35 years, I missed our annual all-employee gathering.

I'll be honest with you – it was bittersweet.

But that same day, Maria and I had the privilege to host at our new home the Governor's Excellence in Service Award winners from each of Tennessee's 23 departments.

We went around the room and listened as each one introduced themselves and explained their jobs but what struck me most was not what they did, but the passion with which they did it.

Those dedicated individuals and others like them that I've met since remind me that government itself is not a solution to our problems; "we the people" must solve our own problems.

And while our state government is far from perfect, one thing I have learned during my first two months in office is that Tennessee has the most committed, hard-working group of state employees in the country and I am proud to be serving alongside them.

As my daughter and I neared the end of our climb up the Grand Teton, we came to a place famous for its very narrow ledge.

To make it worse, there's a section in part of the ledge that has a 1,000-foot "exposure", which is evidently climber-speak for a 1,000-foot fall if you miss a step.

The point is, the only way to get across it was to set your face forward against the mountain and step sideways across the gap – and whatever you do, don't look down.

As a state, we find ourselves in a very strong position, with a very nice view.

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We can choose to sit here and enjoy it, or we can choose to step across the ledge and move to higher, better ground.

But if we decide to go higher and farther, we must resolve to not look back, and not look down.

If we lead Tennessee well, Tennessee may well lead the nation.

My prayer is that we will all work together to do just that.

May God bless you, and may God bless the great state of Tennessee.

Thank you and good night.

DISSOLUTION OF JOINT CONVENTION

Mr. President Casada declared the purpose for which this Joint Convention was called having been accomplished, the Joint Convention stood dissolved.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pody, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bills Nos. 10 and 1407.**

On motion of Senators Haile and Kurita, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Bill No. 26.**

On motion of Senator Jackson, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bills Nos. 55 and 152.**

On motion of Senator Stevens, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 84; and House Joint Resolution No. 224.**

On motion of Senator Kurita, her name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 147.**

On motion of Senator Crowe, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bills Nos. 199, 679 and 1053.**

On motion of Senators Jackson, Hensley and Massey, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Bill No. 200.**

On motion of Senator Bailey, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 358.**

On motion of Senators Jackson, White, Briggs, Hensley and Massey, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Bill No. 438.**

On motion of Senator Gresham, her name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bills Nos. 446 and 533.**

On motion of Senators Jackson, Briggs, Hensley, Pody and Stevens, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Bill No. 793.**

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On motion of Senator Akbari, her name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 797**.

On motion of Senator Haile, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 801**.

On motion of Senator Akbari, her name was added as prime sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 1019**.

On motion of Senator Yarbrow, his name was removed as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 1019**.

On motion of Senator Southerland, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Bill No. 1257**.

On motion of Senator Bailey and Mr. Speaker McNally, their names were added as sponsors of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 231**.

On motion of Mr. Speaker McNally, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Joint Resolution No. 239**.

On motion of Senator Reeves, his name was added as sponsor of **Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 243, 244 and 245**.

On motion of Senators Kyle, Southerland and Mr. Speaker McNally, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 220**.

On motion of Senators Bell and Stevens, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 221**.

On motion of Senators Swann, Massey, Southerland and Yager, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 222**.

On motion of Senators Swann, Akbari, Bailey, Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Crowe, Gardenhire, Gilmore, Gresham, Haile, Hensley, Jackson, Johnson, Kelsey, Kurita, Kyle, Lundberg, Massey, Niceley, Pody, Reeves, Roberts, Robinson, Southerland, Stevens, Watson, White, Yager, Yarbrow and Mr. Speaker McNally, their names were added as sponsors of **House Joint Resolution No. 223**.

On motion of Senator Yager, his name was added as sponsor of **House Joint Resolution No. 225**.

ENGROSSED BILLS

March 4, 2019

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined: Senate Joint Resolution No. 239, and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

ALAN WHITTINGTON
Deputy Chief Clerk

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ENGROSSED BILLS

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MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined: Senate Bills Nos. 26, 103, 107, 110, 112, 113, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 178, 194, 314, 358, 402, 594, 626, 679, 907, 918 and 919; and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

ALAN WHITTINGTON
Deputy Chief Clerk

ENGROSSED BILLS

March 5, 2019

MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully examined: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 231, 232, 233 and 234; and find same correctly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House.

ALAN WHITTINGTON
Deputy Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Bills Nos. 170 and 1194, passed by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER
Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

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MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239 and 253; adopted, for the Senate's action.

TAMMY LETZLER
Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 4, 2019

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Bills Nos. 96, 99, 101, 102, 104, 106, 111, 117, 118, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 135, 136, 139, 145, 155, 156, 158, 157, 430 and 233; substituted for House Bills on same subjects and passed by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER
Chief Clerk

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 4, 2019

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 212, 214, 215, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 228 and 239; concurred in by the House.

TAMMY LETZLER
Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 4, 2019

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the Senate, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 166, 214, 215, 217 and 218; for the signature of the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER
Chief Clerk

SIGNED

March 4, 2019

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 166, 214, 215, 217 and 218.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 5, 2019

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the Senate, Senate Bills Nos. 49, 68, 73 and 340; signed by the Speaker.

TAMMY LETZLER
Chief Clerk

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

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MR. SPEAKER: Your Deputy Chief Clerk begs leave to report that we have transmitted to the Governor the following: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 195, 198, 203 and 211; for his action.

ALAN WHITTINGTON
Deputy Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

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MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to return herewith: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 195, 198, 203 and 211; with his approval.

LANG WISEMAN,
Deputy and Counsel to the Governor

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR
CONSENT CALENDAR 1**

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Thursday, March 7, 2019: Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 237 and 240; Senate Resolution No. 17; and House Joint Resolutions Nos. 228, 229, 230, 231 and 232.

This the 5th day of March, 2019
JACKSON, Chairperson

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR
CONSENT CALENDAR 2**

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Thursday, March 7, 2019: Senate Bills Nos. 180, 272, 435, 625, 1364 and 1387.

This the 5th day of March, 2019
JACKSON, Chairperson

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee on Calendar begs leave to report that we have met and set the following bills on the calendar for Thursday, March 7, 2019: Senate Bills Nos. 446, 932, 357, 1258, 1337, 400, 245, 317, 493, 972, 790 and 1355.

This the 5th day of March, 2019
JACKSON, Chairperson

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Senator Johnson's motion, the Senate adjourned until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2019.